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## K. OF C.

Bogus Oath Has Made Its Reappearance in Certain Country Sections.

Supreme Knight Flaherty Sounds Warning to Those Engaged in Work.

Circulated by Those Who Would Cause Religious and Political Strife.

REVOLTING IN CHARACTER.

The reappearance in certain sections of the country of the bogus fourth degree oath of the Knights of Columbus has led James A. Flaherty, of Philadelphia, Supreme Knight of the K. of C., to issue a warning to any who take part in circulating this alleged oath and to request the press of the United States and Canada to aid in enlightening the public regarding the falsity of this "oath."

"The Knights of Columbus," Supreme Knight Flaherty stated, "invite information from anybody regarding circulation of the alleged K. of C. fourth degree oath. This bogus oath, revolting in character, has been in circulation for many years. It is a blasphemous and evilly designed document, calculated to stir up religious hatred and to inflame bigotry. Strangely enough, its appearance coincides with general election years."

"The Knights of Columbus is not an oath-bound organization, and as far as secrecy is concerned we have more than once submitted the internal workings of the order, even to the details of degree work, for examination by non-Catholics, even ministers of Protestant denominations, who have found us to be simply a patriotic organization striving to do good wherever and whenever we can."

"Recently this disgusting bogus oath, containing foolish threats of massacre and carnage against those who do not agree with us in religious matters, was circulated in Albany and Providence and in up-State parts of New York and rural sections of other States. An attempt was made to circulate it during the war, but the Department of Justice stopped the circulation, being an alien enemy, and that fact is significant in the present attempt to revive the 'oath.' The oath is usually printed in a catch line at the bottom, stating that it has been taken from the Congressional Record. The truth is that it has appeared in the Record, as evidence in an election case in which it was successfully used against a candidate who happened to be a Knight of Columbus. His opponent, a strongly disclaimed knowledge of the 'oath.'"

"The Knights of Columbus believe that this 'oath' is circulated by ignorant persons who are victims of a more or less intelligent attempt to discredit the organization and cause religious strife for political or other ends. We shall prosecute those who malign us by distributing this 'oath' whenever and wherever we may find them. We have already obtained a large number of convictions in various parts of the country. The press of the country can render a distinct service by warning the public against this foolish attempt to create bigotry and ill-feeling, especially at this time."

A novelty in extended travel is being introduced by the Knights of Columbus in the tour to Europe planned by that organization in connection with the presentation of the K. of C. statue of Lafayette to the city of Metz. It is a co-operative tour which will be managed from first to last without a cent of profit—perhaps the first tour of any magnitude conducted under such conditions. Upwards of 1,000 members of the K. of C. will make the trip to Metz, first visiting the battlefields of Europe and later Lourdes on the return trip. The French Government will receive the Knights as their guests in France. Dr. Marcel Knecht, of the French High Commission to the United States, is now in France arranging details of the trip with the French railroad authorities.

THEY STAND TRUE.

The Associated Press cables from Rome that after an eight-hour discussion Saturday the Catholic party decided to refuse the Cabinet if it was only a question of assisting Premier Nitti in its reconstruction, as it would mean lending themselves to support a policy of which they do not entirely approve. The Catholics believe they must postpone their participation in the Government until they have a preponderant part in the Cabinet, in order to apply the vast reforms included in their programme. Otherwise they feel they would betray confidence reposed in them by electors.

HAVE SMALL HOPE.

Thursday morning the friends of Rev. Father C. J. O'Connell, pastor of St. Joseph's church at Bardstown, one of the most widely known prelates in Kentucky, who is ill of pneumonia at St. Joseph's infirmary, entertained only small hope for his recovery, news that will be read with regret everywhere. St. Joseph's church, formerly the Cathedral of the diocese of Kentucky, is the oldest Catholic church west of the Alleghenies. Rich in art treasures, it has been the mecca of thousands of tourists. Father O'Connell, who is seventy years old, last summer raised the first monument to our soldier dead of the World War.

RECOVERED.

Sister Mary Basil, Mother Superior of St. Joseph's Infirmary, who has been ill for nearly three weeks, is steadily recovering, and on Wednesday was able to be out for a ride. Her friends and the public will be pleased to learn that she will soon be able to resume her duties.

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MORE THAN HALF.

Of the 5,610,882 inhabitants of Canada, according to the latest census, 2,828,041 are Catholic—that is, a little more than half of the total number.

## MESSAGE OF DE VALERA.

The following is the St. Patrick's day message sent by President De Valera, of the Republic of Ireland, to men and women of Irish blood throughout the world:

Sons and Daughters of the Gael, wherever you be today, in the name of the motherland greeting! Whatever flag be the flag you guard and cherish, it is consistent with your highest duty to band yourselves together, to use your united strength to help break the chains that bind our sweet sad mother, and never before have the scattered children of Erin had such an opportunity for public service. Today you can serve not only Ireland but the world. A not only Ireland but the world. A cruel war and a more cruel peace have shattered the generous of soul. Apathy mocks the high minded and heartless cynicism points the way of selfishness.

We, the children of a race that has never ceased to strive—that has endured for ages the blights of war and the disappointments of peace—who have had the cup of the frustration of hope dashed from our lips in every decade, and have not despaired—whose temper has never soured, but who have always looked forward for the good in tomorrow—the world needs what we can give it today. Once before our people gave their soul to a barbarian continent and led brute materialism to an understanding of higher things. It is still our mission "to show the world the might of moral beauty" to teach mankind peace and happiness in keeping the law of love, doing to our neighbor what we would have our neighbor do to us. We are the spear points of the hosts in political slavery—we can be the shafts of dawn for the despairing and the wretched everywhere. And those of our race who are citizens of this mighty land of America, whose thought will help to mould the policy of the leader among the nations—how much the world looks to you this St. Patrick's day—hopes in you—trusts in you. You can so easily accomplish that which is needed. You have only to have the will—the way is so clear. What would not the people in the old land give for the power which is yours. May God and St. Patrick inspire you to use it, and to use it well. EAMON DE VALERA. St. Patrick's day, 1920.

## RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of Bridget Carr, aged twenty-seven, took place Monday morning from St. Patrick's church, attended by many mourning friends. She was the sister-in-law of William Doyle, 1535 Rowan street, and was held in high esteem.

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Bigley Davis, fifty-four years old, widow of John Davis, who died Monday at her home, 1536 West Broadway, were held Wednesday morning from Sacred Heart church. She is survived by a sister and two brothers.

News of the death of Irene Jacquenien, formerly, beloved wife of Frank H. Mattirey, 3613 Western Parkway, was a severe shock to her many friends. She was thirty-four years old and an esteemed member of the Church of Our Lady, from where the funeral was held Monday morning.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Mary Nolan Seefried, twenty-three years old, beloved wife of Joseph Seefried, 718 Fehr avenue, passed into heavenly rest, leaving many mourning friends. Her funeral took place Thursday morning from St. John's church. Rev. Father Schumann conducting the services.

Death has called another highly esteemed member of St. Louis Bertrand parish, Mary E. Monahan, who passed away on Monday at her home, 500 West St. Catherine street. She was the daughter of the late Michael Monahan and had been a life-long member of the Dominican church, from which her funeral took place Thursday morning.

Death has claimed another highly respected member of St. Peter's church, Frank L. Schweri, aged sixty-six, who resided at 1612 Kentucky street. He is survived by four sons, Martin, Charles, Anthony and Frank Schweri, Jr., and two daughters, Mrs. Katherine Oberhausen and Mrs. Cecilia Schmidt. Funeral services were held Thursday morning.

Cornelius Joseph Sullivan, fifteen-year-old son of Mrs. Mamie Dubourg Sullivan and a pupil of Sacred Heart school, died of pneumonia Sunday afternoon, at the family residence, 2210 West Broadway, following an illness of one week. He is survived by his mother and six sisters, Mrs. Margaret Shawhan, Shelbyville, and Misses Cornelia, Alice, Mary, Florence, Dorothy and Augusta Sullivan. The body was taken to Shelbyville Tuesday morning for burial in Grove Hill cemetery.

Monday morning David P. Bennett, aged sixty-nine, one of the promoters of the Louisville Free Public Library, passed away at his home, 1801 South Third street. Coming to this country from Scotland when a child, he had ever since made this city his home. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Murdoch Bennett; a son, D. P. Bennett, Jr.; two daughters, Misses Margaret and Jean Bennett, and a sister, Miss Isabella Bennett. The funeral took place Wednesday morning from St. Louis Bertrand church.

Rev. Father Hill officiated Tuesday morning at the funeral of Thomas H. Browning, an aged and respected member of St. Ann's congregation. His death Sunday morning at his home, 618 Shipp street, resulted from pneumonia, following an illness of a week. Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Anna Mayer, Louisville, and Mrs. Helen McAllister, Sheffield, Ala.; three sons, Hugh D. and James A. Browning, of the W. P. Brown Lumber Company, and Charles A. Browning, of the Grocers' Baking Company, and several grandchildren.

## GLEESON IS CHAIRMAN.

Thomas M. Gleeson, prominent in Catholic circles of Covington, was chosen Chairman of the Kenton County Equalization Board last Tuesday.

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